



October 27, 2024

John M. Nolan
Chair, Member Selection Committee
c/o American College of Real Estate Lawyers
220 N Market Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Nolan:

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Jeffrey (Jeff) R. Dollinger for membership in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers made by James Russick.

I have known Jeff for over 30 years through several avenues. I practiced law in Gainesville, Florida, from 1979 until 2014, at which time I became General Counsel of Attorneys' Title Fund Services, Inc. Jeff opened a law practice in Gainesville in 1989 and we met soon thereafter. I had many occasions to interact with him on both a professional and personal level. Additionally, we were, and still are, very active in the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar ("RPPTL"). More recently, I have worked with him through the Florida Land Title Association ("FLTA"). As a result, Jeff and I have gotten to know each other very well. Jeff and I had many occasions to represent clients on the same or opposite sides of a situation. Additionally, I have participated with him on various committees through RPPTL and FLTA, at which the focus of activity has been proposed legislation or regulatory changes affecting the real estate industry. Jeff has often been a speaker at RPPTL and FLTA events and he always excels at both the content and the presentation. His ability to listen to facts and opinions of others and process that information into a clear, articulate statement of his own opinion has quickly elevated him in the eyes of his colleagues. Jeff's giveback to the industry is measurable and large. He is a "go to" person on most issues involving real property titles and title insurance coverage in Florida.

Jeff is also a great person! He is collegial, friendly and interested in the people with whom he comes in contact. He seeks to establish and maintain positive relationships with everyone around him and would be a great addition to the College.

I have received and reviewed the Proposal for Membership submitted by James Russick and certify that Jeffrey R. Dollinger satisfies the criteria for selection to the College as set forth in Section 4 of the Guidelines for Regular Member Selection. In my opinion and to my knowledge, the Nominee satisfies ACREL's Statement of Professionalism and exemplifies the standards of professional integrity and civility as provided in the Guidelines. I am not (a) in the same firm, business entity, faculty or other organization as the Nominee, (b) related by birth or marriage to the Nominee, or (c) a current Governor or member of the

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Member Selection Committee of the College. Except as disclosed below, neither the nominee nor his/her employer regularly employs or retains me or my law firm or employer, and my business relationship, if any, with the nominee is as follows: from time to time, my company retains Jeff's firm, Scruggs, Carmichael & Wershow, specifically Jeff, to represent either our company or our insured in title insurance coverage matters but this limited business relationship has not influenced this recommendation in any way.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melissa Jay Murphy'.

Melissa Jay Murphy, General Counsel
ACREL Member

cc: James C. Russick